

Linking Health & Learning e-Bulletin

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News and General Announcements

Agency of Education is hiring!

Currently, there are two position openings in the Child Nutrition Programs at the Vermont Agency of Education. Please review job descriptions and apply via the State of Vermont Department of Human Resources portal [here](#) . Search for job code 613708 or 613707. If you would like more information about either of these positions, please contact Laurie Colgan at (802) 828-5153 or by e-mail to laurie.colgan@state.vt.us.

Vermont Agency of Education Grant:

Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention

Letter of Intent due: November 8, 2013

Application due: December 13, 2013

This grant opportunity will provide approximately 15 Vermont school districts and supervisory unions with up to \$30,000 over five year period. Funding for this grant is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) for HIV/STD prevention education. To learn more and apply, click [here](#) or contact Kate O'Neill at (802) 828-5151 or Kathryn.ONeill@state.vt.us.

Concussion in Vermont School Sports

For the past two years, the Vermont Legislature has passed laws to improve awareness of and interventions for Vermont student athlete concussions. These Acts have additional requirements for Vermont schools whose athletes participate in contact and collision sports. For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#). Contact Jill Remick, Legislative Liaison, at (802) 828-1637 or jill.remick@state.vt.us.

Professional Development Opportunities

Click [here](#) for a calendar of Vermont Agency of Education-sponsored events.

Umatter for Schools: Youth Suicide Prevention Training

November 4 & 5, 2013

Essex, VT

November 14 & 15, 2013

Wilder, VT

This two-day training is designed so that you can prepare your school community to respond to the mental health needs of students and prevent suicide. Once adults know suicidal warning signs and how to help, they will be ready to teach suicide prevention lessons using the Lifelines curriculum, an evidence-based program of four lessons appropriate for middle and high school students. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or call (802) 254-6590.

VTAPERD Conference**November 7-8, 2013****Stowe, VT**

The 2013 Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (VTAPERD) conference information and registration is available [here](#).

UVM AHEC Grand Rounds for School Nurses: "Concussion: Assessment, Treatment, and Vermont's New Concussion Law"**November 19, 2013****State-wide**

The speaker for this session is Krystian Bigosinski, MD: UVM Student Health Services Family Physician, board-certified in sports medicine; Team Physician for intercollegiate sports at UVM. To register for any site, click [here](#) or contact Jennifer Zoller Jennifer.Zoller@uvm.edu or call (802) 656-2179.

Webinar: Keeping Students Engaged**November 19, 2013****Online**

Click [here](#) to register. For more information contact Kate O'Neill at kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us.

Governor's Statewide School Safety Training Conference**November 20, 2013****Burlington, VT**

The Governor's Statewide School Safety Training Conference will include an overview of threat assessment and crisis team building, small group workshops on safety issues, and a simulated crisis team exercise. Learn more and register [here](#). Contact Barbara Crippen, Legal Counsel, at (802) 828-5937 or barbara.crippen@state.vt.us.

11th Annual Vermont Dance Festival**November 23, 2013****Lyndon, VT**

For more information contact Rebecca Rae McGregor at (802) 626-1356 or rebecca.mcgregor@lyndoninstitute.org.

Michigan Model Curriculum Training**December 4, 2013****Fairlee, VT**

Click [here](#) to register. For more information, contact Center for Health and Learning at info@healthandlearning.org.

Not on Tobacco (N-O-T) Basic Facilitator Training**January 14, 2014****Burlington, VT**

The American Lung Association is sponsoring this N-O-T Basic Facilitator workshop. This training is required to facilitate the N-O-T teen smoking cessation program (for 13-19 year-olds likely addicted to smoking) in schools or community organizations.

Training includes one curriculum per site, related materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Thanks to a grant from the Vermont Department of Health, the training is free for Vermont residents. Click [here](#) to register. If you have already been trained to facilitate N-O-T and would like to implement the program this year in your school, click [here](#) to review program guidelines and to register for the program. If you have questions about the N-O-T Basic Facilitator Training or N-O-T program implementation, contact Ron Douglass, (802) 876-6860 or rdouglass@lungne.org.

Webinar: Fostering School Connectedness

January 15, 2014

Online

Click [here](#) to register. For more information contact Kate O'Neill at kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us.

Botvin LifeSkills Curriculum Training

February 7, 2014

Randolph, VT

Click [here](#) to register. For more information contact Kate O'Neill at kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us.

Developing Developmental Assets in School Communities

February 12, 2014

South Burlington, VT

Click [here](#) to register. For more information contact Kate O'Neill at kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us.

Grant and Funding Opportunities

Work-based Learning Programs Request for Proposals

Deadline: November 15, 2013

The Agency of Education is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) from Vermont secondary schools to participate in action research in the context of work-based learning and will be intended to support the efforts of secondary schools to establish work-based learning programs aligned with the "Gold Standards" in place for work-based learning, and including appropriate staff training. The RFP packet can be accessed [here](#). For more information contact Debi Price at (802) 828-0154 or debora.price@state.vt.us. An informational conference call for the benefit of those interested in submitting a proposal will be held on November 1, 2013 from 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. Please RSVP to Allison Keating at allison.keating@state.vt.us.

2nd Annual Search for Green Ribbon Schools

Deadline: December 9, 2013

The Vermont Agency of Education will select up to three public schools and one independent school as our state's nominees for the US Department of Education 2014 Green Ribbon Schools recognition award. Schools must demonstrate exemplary

achievement in the areas of energy/sustainability curriculum and STEM education programs, improving the health of students, and saving energy and the environment via buildings and grounds practices that promote sustainability and environmental health. To learn more and apply, click [here](#). Contact Cathy Hilgendorf at (802) 828-5402 or cathy.hilgendorf@state.vt.us.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

Deadline: February 7, 2014

The 2013-14 grant competition for the purpose of providing high-quality afterschool and summer extended learning opportunities is now open. Applications are due by February 7, 2014. Click [here](#) to view the application and to get more information about October 2013 applicant workshops. Contact Emanuel Betz, 21C State Director, at (802) 828-0557 or emanuel.betz@state.vt.us.

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